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TO OUR

Statute Laws,

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,

IS

DEDICATED

BY THEIR HUMBLE SERVANT

THE AUTHOR.

Preface.

CONCEIVING an Index to our **Statute Laws**, *referring to the Folio Volume, printed by order of the General Court, and Mr.* Thomas's *Octavo Edition, and also to the Pamphlets since those editions, would be convenient, I was induced to undertake the work.—At first intending it only for my own use; but being requested by some of my Brethren in the Profession, to permit its publication, I have consented. And, although I do not vouch for its accuracy, in every particular, yet I hope it may serve as a convenient Reference to our Statute Laws. And should any humble attempt of mine, to render the Profession of Law less irksome, in any instance answer the purpose, I shall feel myself amply compensated.*

Relying therefore on the candour of the Public, and of my Brethren in particular, I am with great consideration,

Their most obedient, and
most humble Servant,
BENJAMIN WHITMAN.

HANOVER, *Oct.* 1, 1796.

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